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1 Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO 03/040878 A (SIEMENS MEDICAL SOLUTIONS USA, INC) 15
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2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1), because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

Document D1 discloses (the references between parentheses refer to said document):

a method for selecting a participant for a medical project with selection criteria for patients, where patient data associated with patients are checked in a data processing system in respect of the selection criteria (page 7, paragraph 4), the patient associated with the patient data is selected as a potential participant if the selection criteria are met (page 8, lines 16-17 and page 13, lines 1-3), and the patient is reported as a potential participant (page 9, lines 1-4).

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-8

Claims 2-8 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step. Reference is made in particular to those sections of the cited documents that are mentioned in the search report.